

St. Paul's Happenings

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June 2021

Making a Difference Through the Love of Christ to Know God, Love God & Serve God

What's Next? by Pam Herman

As I write this article, we've just experienced the awesome power of the Holy Spirit at our annual Pentecost Sunday celebration! It was a wonderful day filled with the color red, the wind, great food and finally some fellowship! It was a great day to see the Holy Spirit alive in each of you in worship and at the picnic that followed.

Next, we will celebrate the Holy Trinity on Trinity Sunday, May 30. This is the day we celebrate God in 3 persons – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each a separate entity but all one God.

So, what celebration or season is there following Holy Trinity Sunday? The Sundays after Pentecost which continue until Christ the King Sunday just before the season of Advent. The color for this season of the church is green – for growth and learning.

In the June gospel readings, we have the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus calming the storm, a woman healed by touching Jesus, and Jesus running into resistance in his hometown. Certainly not the big, majestic moments of Pentecost and the Trinity, but everyday events that teach us that we are so very much in need of God, His Grace, and His Son.

These everyday happenings become our mainstay as we begin to get out from under Covid-19 and back to our regular, ordinary lives. Some consider

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consider ordinary boring, but in these readings, life is anything but ordinary because there is much to learn from Our Lord. And life is not meant for us as followers of Jesus to be ordinary – it is meant to be extraordinary because of our faith that leads us to the rest of our faith journey.

In this season, you're invited to take time to really read the scripture lessons. Take your Sabbath time to better understand what it is that Jesus is teaching us in these lessons. Ask questions using what if! What if Jesus didn't tell the parable of the mustard seed as a parable – would people still understand the story? What if the woman wasn't able to reach Jesus and what if Jesus didn't confront her – would she continue to be healed? What if Jesus didn't calm the storm, would the

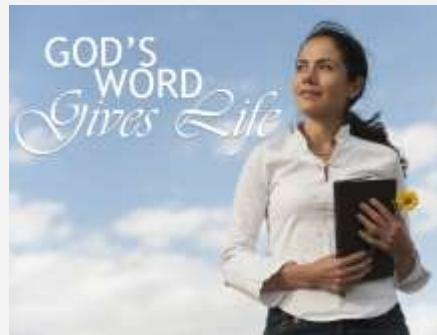
disciples continue to call on Him for help?

You may not get answers to your specific questions, but you'll get to see the lessons from a different perspective. Any way that you can continue to better understand God's Word is always a great way to spend time – one on one time to enjoy with God.

Enjoy your Sabbath time this Summer.

Blessings,

Pam Herman



Summer Bible Reading Plan

Looking for a way to stay connected and remain in God's Word? Try the "Running the Race" Summer Reading Plan available to everyone.

You don't have to be an athlete of any kind to run the Christian "race." The Bible uses metaphors, however, to encourage followers of Jesus to train, focus, persevere, and attain the heavenly prize.

Use the Summer Reading Plan to strengthen your faith and your relationship with Jesus. Complete one square each day or every other day, and you'll journey through significant chunks of the New Testament this summer. Feel free to invite a friend or family member to join you as a "running partner"!

Plans will be available for both kids and adults on the table outside the Sanctuary or on the table just inside the back entrance.

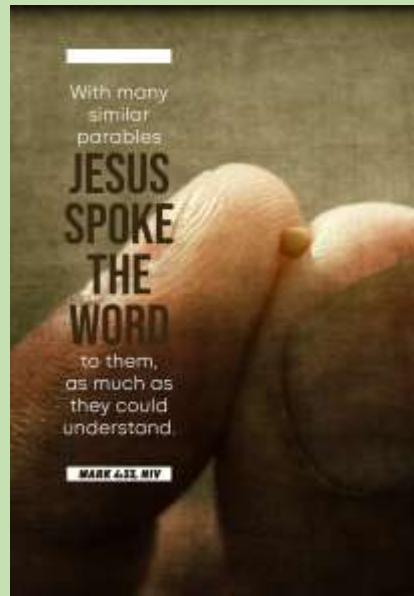
June Scripture Readings

June 6 – Pentecost 2: Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; St. Mark 3:20-35

June 13 – Pentecost 3: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; St. Mark 4:26-34

June 20 – Pentecost 4: Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; St. Mark 4:35-41

June 27 – Pentecost 5: Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; St. Mark 5:21-43



First Day of Summer Sunday, June 20

Summer Happenings @ St. Paul's UCC



Support Teen Central:

Support Teen Central and have a great meal at The Shack on Wednesday, June 2. A percentage of the cost of your meal – up to 10% - will go to benefit the kids of Teen Central.

steps of Moses and the Israelites looking for answers. As he investigates the possible locations of the Red Sea crossing, he interviews top-level secular and biblical scholars in search for clues that support the Bible's timeline for this pivotal event in history.

This study will be held @ 6:30 pm on Wednesdays beginning June 23. All are invited to attend.

Graduate Recognition:

Graduate Recognition will be held on Sunday, June 13 @ 9:30 am.

Congratulations to Marie Bryant who graduated with honors from Penn State University with a degree in Animal Science.

Marie has accepted a position with Meadow Vista Farm in Bainbridge as an assistant herdsman and will be working with their large dairy herd. She'll be handling medical care and management, breeding, quality milk production, etc.

Congratulations Marie!

Summer Fun for Families:

Calling all kids – young and old - who love to dig in the dirt, play in the water and get messy! Do we have some fun planned for you!

On Sundays, July 18 & 25 and August 1 & 8, St. Paul's will offer 4 Growing in Our Faith events that feature outdoor "growing" activities.

Be sure to save the dates and look for more info to come.

Mission Trip to Deep Roots:

St. Paul's Mission Team will travel to Deep Roots Farm, formerly known as Clairvaux Farms, on Thursday, June 17-Sunday, June 20 to paint their Dining Hall and other projects. Want to know how you can be a member of the team, see more on page 5.

Manheim Project:

St. Paul's UCC will once again participate in the Manheim Project that helps people in need in the Manheim community with painting, repairs, yardwork, etc.

See page 5 for more details on how you can participate too!

Fathers' Day:

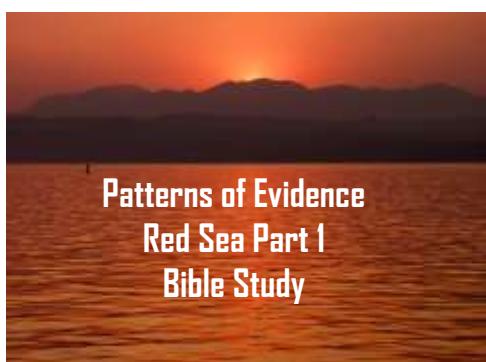
The church will celebrate all fathers and those who take on father-type roles on Sunday, June 20 in worship @ 9:30 am.

Women's Fellowship:

Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, June 24 in St. Paul's UCC's Fellowship Hall for a time of building friendships and planning upcoming events. All women are invited to attend. See more on page 4.

Patterns of Evidence Bible Study:

Join award winning filmmaker, Timothy Mahoney, as he retraces the





Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship, while under the leadership of Linda Rohrer, has been supporting a child through Global Ministries for many years. The child attends the Lephoi Centre for the blind, a community-based project in Francistown, Botswana. Covid-19 has impacted that area as well as it has here and our student is studying at home. He sent us a letter dated March 31, 2021 seen below.

Let us be thankful that we have been able to help this student for the last few years and be joyful for his success and being able to tell us about his home and family.

Dear mothers,

Hello over there, how are you? Myself, I'm doing well. I am still doing great and in good health. As you may know I am a visually impaired young man, because of my condition and

how compromised my immune system is, our government has taken a decision that those of us with profound disabilities should remain at home as a way of protecting us from the coronavirus, so since 2020 I have been home with my parents to date.

I hope the situation can change for the better because I miss my friends at school, my house parents, my teachers and studying. Here at home, I keep myself busy by watering my parents' garden, I feed the chickens, and wash dishes. My family members engage me in a lot of activities to keep me busy and I also like helping them out. It is now harvesting season, we eat millies, sweet reeds, sweet potatoes, and watermelons. Thank you for your continuous support dear parents. I value and appreciate you. God bless you.

*Your son,
Mpho Semende*

Unfortunately, since our Women's Fellowship is getting smaller in number and since we have not been able to have any fundraisers (sub sales, etc.), we no longer feel that we are able to financially cover the costs to support another student. We feel it is important to be more supportive in our own

community. Therefore, this will be the end of another project for us.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2021 @ 1:30 pm. Again, thank you for helping us take care of our homebound members with telephone calls, cards and prayers. It's another way to say:

**Here I am Lord,
send me!**

Please stay well and continue to love, serve and praise the Lord.

In His Love,
June Y. Smith &
Deb Kleinfelter

Book Club

Thanks to all who attended the May Book Club meeting – it was a great and interesting discussion.

Our next Book Club session will meet on Monday, September 13 @ 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. The book will be "Diary of A Country Priest" by George Bernanos.

FREE Community Breakfast

The June FREE Takeout Community Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 19 from 9-10 am. On the menu is breakfast casserole. The takeout breakfast will be served from St. Paul's Parking Lot.

Two or three volunteers are needed to help out in June as most of the regular crew will be on the mission trip. Please take this opportunity to serve the community. Contact Sandy Bareford at 717.341.5931 or by email at sandybareford@gmail.com to serve.



Missions

Deep Roots:

St. Paul's UCC's Mission Team will travel to Deep Roots, formerly known as Clairvaux Farm in MD on Thursday, June 17-Sunday, June 20.

In addition to serving as a homeless shelter for children and families in the community, Deep Roots strives to break the generational cycle of homelessness. Our program encourages children and their parents to envision a brighter future, to sustain healthy relationships, and to navigate a course towards personal and social responsibility.

The Mission House where the team will be housed has recently been renovated with new flooring, renovated bathrooms and a full kitchen! Meals are provided and will be served either in the Mission House or outdoors on the picnic tables in a pavilion due to Covid-19.

We hope to collect food for their food pantry to take with us and plan to serve in painting their dining hall since it is currently closed due to Covid-19.

For more information or if you would like to serve, please contact Sandy Bareford at 717.341.5931 or by email at sandybareford@gmail.com.

Please keep the team in prayer.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped in so many ways to make our Pentecost Celebration Sunday and Picnic such a huge success!

To those of you who helped to plan the event, to those who participated in worship, to those who cooked and packed the food, to those who helped decorate the Sanctuary and the parking lot for worship and the picnic, to those who donated money towards the cost of the tent and ice cream, and last but never least to those who helped to clean up afterwards – thank you for your work and generosity!

There is no doubt that the Holy Spirit was with us throughout the morning and early afternoon, and it was a great opportunity to finally be able to sit and talk with each other – face to face. God is so good! All the time!

- New Voices Vision Team

The Manheim Project:

The Mission Team will also participate in The Manheim Project in July, partnering with Manheim BIC and working at Teen Central.

The Manheim Project serves families in need right here in Manheim by taking on home repairs, painting and yardwork to name just a few projects.

If you are interested in serving, please contact Sandy Bareford at 717.341.5931 or by email at sandybareford@gmail.com.



Mission of the Month

The June Mission of the Month is Strengthen the Church. This is a UCC endeavor that reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC.

The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.

Please use your June special envelope to make a difference through the love of Christ to Strengthen the Church.

Food Pantry

Volunteers are needed to help out at the Food Pantry. If interested, please contact Ruth Ellen Brown at 717.664.1097.

Items needed at the Food Pantry are:

- ◆ Peanut butter
- ◆ Crackers
- ◆ Tissues
- ◆ Canned fruit
- ◆ Canned applesauce
- ◆ Baked beans
- ◆ Canned pasta

Please note that diapers and pull-ups are no longer needed.

Please also drop your donations directly at the Food Pantry.

For more information about the Manheim Central Food Pantry, please go to www.manheimcentralfoodpantry.org

Council Highlights

Church Council met on Tuesday, May 18 @ 7 pm. Highlights of the meeting include:

Memorial Gifts & Endowment:

Gretchen reported that the endowment fund began the year at a value of \$1.34 million and is currently at \$1.358 million.

Treasurer's Report:

Benevolence: \$1,105 was received for the April mission of the month, the Manheim Central Food Pantry. \$523 from the Lenten offering was sent to Penn Central Conference for Texas Disaster Relief in April. This is in addition to the \$1,434 already sent.

Operating: nothing unusual to report.

Capital: \$3,185 was received in April, expenses totaled \$312.50 for the nursery painting deposit.

Pastor's Report: No report.

Committee Reports: Property Board requested that Council make the final decision re: allowing outside groups to rent church facilities. After some



discussion, council agreed to open to AA and Yoga Class as long as the groups have agreed in writing to our safety guidelines and agree to clean and disinfect after each use.

Upcoming Events: Council discussed possible participation in the Manheim Farm Show. Further discussion is tabled until a future meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15 @ 7 pm with Spiritual Council @ 6:30 pm.

Please note that all council minutes and packets are posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board, on the upstairs bulletin board and are available in the church office.

New Guidelines for Masks & Distancing

The CDC has issued new guidelines for wearing or not wearing masks and social distancing for those who are vaccinated. What does that mean for those attending worship or events @ St. Paul's UCC?

For now, to keep those who may be vulnerable or unable to be vaccinated safe, we encourage you to wear a mask whenever you are in the church building. Social distancing is still in place in the Sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall.

And there are still 3 Ways to Worship for those of you who do not feel safe yet to return to in person worship. The 3 Ways are:

- ◆ Online Sermons available at <http://www.stpaulsucmanheim.org/online-sermons.html>
- ◆ Listen Live in the Parking Lot on Sundays @ 9:30 am by tuning into FM 88.1.
- ◆ Worship in the Sanctuary @ 9:30 am on Sunday mornings.

Home on Ferdinand

The Manheim Community Life Group invites you to an Open House to the Home on Ferdinand (formerly Danner Home) at 44 W. Ferdinand Street in Manheim on Saturday, June 5 & Sunday, June 6 from 1-4 pm.

Come and see how God has made the way for a new transitional living home in Manheim to serve women and children facing homelessness.

Progress with upgrades and renovations on the building are in process and the group is currently in the process of hiring the necessary staff for the home. Mid-August is the anticipated time frame to open for single moms and their kids.

Mount Gretna Bible Festival 2021

The Mount Gretna Bible Festival events are on schedule this summer. June events include:

June 6 @ 7 pm Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster Concert

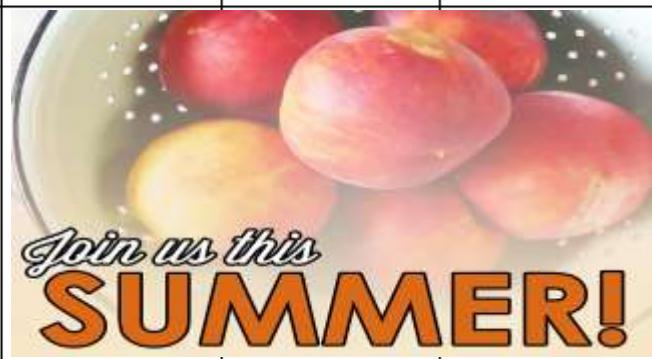
June 20 @ 7 pm Andy Roberts Jazz Quartet Concert

June 27 @ 7 pm New Holland Band Concert

An Ecumenical Service will be held @ 7 pm on Fridays, June 4, June 11, June 18 & June 25.

All programs are in the Historic Tabernacle – masks are required and a free will offering will be received after each program. For more information or updates go to www.MtGretnaTabernacle.org.

June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>JUNE</h1>		1	2 6:30pm Revelation Bible Study	3 7:00pm AA Meeting	4	5
6 Pentecost 2 9:30am One Worship	7 7:00pm Property Board	8 8:30am Lancaster Association Meeting	9 12:00pm Manheim Ministerium 6:30pm Revelation Bible Study	10 7:00pm AA Meeting	11	12
13 Pentecost 3 Graduate Recognition 9:30am One Worship 	14	15 6:00pm Spiritual Council 7:00pm Church Council	16 6:30pm Revelation Bible Study	17 Mission Trip to Deep Roots 7:00pm AA Meeting	18 Mission Trip to Deep Roots	19 Mission Trip to Deep Roots 9:00am FREE Community Breakfast
20 Pentecost 4 Father's Day Mission Trip to Deep Roots Newsletter Deadline! 9:30am One Worship 	21 DEADLINE: Newsletter Articles	22	23 6:30pm Patterns of Evidence Bible Study	24 1:30pm Women's Fellowship 7:00pm AA Meeting	25	26
27 Pentecost 5 9:30am One Worship	28	29	30 6:30pm Patterns of Evidence Bible Study			



JUNE

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Best wishes to all those celebrating
a birthday or anniversary this
month!

Worship Attendance

Worship attendance equals in person worship in the Sanctuary, those attending worship in the parking lot and online views of the sermons:

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Christian Symbol



THREE INTERWOVEN CIRCLE

Each circle in this symbol represents one of the Persons of the Holy Trinity — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The circles, having no beginning and no end, signify the Trinity's eternal nature. The circles' interlacing symbolizes unity. In the center is a triangle, an ancient symbol of the Trinity.

Requests for Prayer

For prayer requests, please contact Joan Hess at 717.665.4705. Our homebound members will remain on the list permanently as a reminder to keep these individuals wrapped in prayer and to remember them with cards, phone calls, and visits.

Hannah Fisher	Brooke Gabster	Gerald Geib
Nancy Lishman	Anna Mary Peters	Marie Rhodes
Burt Savitz	Michael Shelley	
Robert & Joanna Schreiber		Polly Stoner
Doris Stroud	Lisa Weaver	
*Nancy Brosey	*Betz Klopp	*Carrie Mathiot
*Linda Osborn	*Jack Reed	*Connie Shirk
*Eric Smeltz	*Cindy Zdradzinsk	

In the military: Cindy Dieterly, Kyle May, Doug Pearson, Nathaniel Sexton





Ushers & Greeters

The act of greeting continues to look different than before the pandemic, so that we can keep in line with social distancing standards to keep you safe while worshipping.

As you arrive for worship, you'll be greeted by several council members and other leaders to direct you and assist you if help is needed.

Communication Deadlines

St. Paul Happenings is printed monthly except for the July/August & December/January combined issues. The deadline to submit articles is the 3rd Sunday of the month before publication.

The July/August 2021 newsletter deadline is Sunday, June 20, 2021.

Bulletin announcements are due to the church office no later than Wed. mornings @ 8 am.



Check this Out

For those of you that enjoy history, specifically Manheim's history, be sure to check out the Manheim Historical Society's facebook page, found at <https://www.facebook.com/themanheimhistoricalsociety>

Pictured to the right is St. Paul's UCC's Sanctuary from "A Red-Letter Day in St. Paul's Reformed Church" Manheim Sentinel, January 6, 1906.



St. Paul's Staff & Leaders

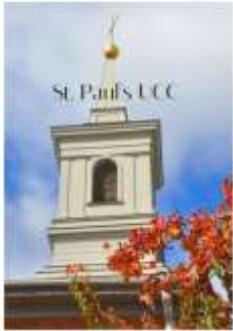
Staff:

Pastor – The Rev. Bill Long
Church Administrator – Pam Herman
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Chancel Choir Director – John Degler
Bell Choir Director – Jim Hoffman
Praise Team Coordinator – Steve Smith
Nursery Coordinator – Rhonda Raia
Custodian – Mark Lowe
Kitchen Managers – Sandy Bareford & Jerry Weller

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